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FOR: COMMUNICATION SYSTEM, MULTICAST SWITCHING DEVICE, AND  
COMMUNICATION METHOD

**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**


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SIR:

The "Statement of Reasons for Allowance" included in paragraph 6 on page 4 of the Notice of Allowability dated January 4, 2010 characterizes the invention in terms of "a communication system, a multicast switching device, and a communication method..." However, claims 10-13 directed to a multicast switching device were canceled. Therefore, the "Statement" mischaracterizes the invention in terms inconsistent with the actual claim language. Accordingly, the "Statement" is limited to claims 2-4, 7-9, 14 and 16-18.

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